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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE CENTRAL FAX CENTER Applicant(s): HO et al. Group Art Unit: 1653 JAN 2 7 2004 Serial No.: 09/180,340 Examiner: Hope A. ROBINSON Confirmation No.: 6674 Filed: 20 August 1999

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE **UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Mail Stop AF P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

For:

In response to the Office Action mailed 2 October 2003, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on the page entitled "Amendments to the Claims."

Remarks begin on the page entitled "Remarks."